

# DESERT AIRMAN

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## Around D-M

### Town hall meeting

The next Davis-Monthan Air Force Base community town hall meeting will be held Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Base Theater. The town hall meeting is open to all family housing and dormitory residents. Free child care will be provided; call the Child Development Center at 8-3336 to make child-care reservations. For more details call 8-6040.

### Valentine greetings

Those interested in printing a Valentine greeting in the *Desert Airman* newspaper can send submissions via e-mail to [karin.wickwire@dm.af.mil](mailto:karin.wickwire@dm.af.mil) by Feb. 4. Submissions must be 25 words or less and in good taste.

### Annual awards

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Annual Awards Banquet is Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Tickets go on sale Monday; interested members can contact their first sergeant.

**Five** airmen have been saved from a DUI charge by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at 850-2233  
10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and  
Saturdays and 4 p.m. to mid-  
night Sundays for a ride.

Days since last D-M DUI:

11



(Current as of Thursday)



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

## Who let the dogs out?

Tech. Sgt. Mike Altier, 355th Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates the capabilities of the military working dogs section for approximately 80 students during a base tour Jan. 19. The children were from the Turning Point Elementary School. The 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, 355th Transportation Squadron and SFS all volunteered airmen and time to make the tour possible. More than 60 tours are handled on a yearly basis by the 355th Wing through Public Affairs. These tours are a "Future Force" initiative ensuring the Air Force continues to "recruit the future." Anyone interested in being a tour guide or otherwise getting involved in the program can call Laura Williams, Community Relations Advisor, at 8-5091.

## NAF approves \$824K improvements

By Karen Halstead  
Staff writer

More than \$824,000 has been allocated by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's Non Appropriated Funds Council for improvements to 355th Services Squadron activities, according to Lt. Col. Michael Archuleta, 355th SVS commander.

All funds being spent were generated by NAF activities, Archuleta said. Activities supporting the Morale Welfare and Recreation Fund include both service clubs, FamCamp, bowling center, golf

course, child care center, youth activities, veterinary clinic, outdoor recreation, skills development center, auto hobby shop, gymnasium, tickets and tours, community center and swimming pool.

Other monies supporting these activities are the Army Air Force Exchange Service's dividends. According to Dwayne Ochs, D-M's AAFES main store manager, last year, AAFES added more than \$519,000 to D-M's MWR Fund.

"If we make the money we have forecast throughout the remainder of the year," Archuleta said, "then

we plan to spend it on several projects.

"We get free land," he said. "But, the MWR Fund pays for everything else, buildings and their upkeep, utilities, supplies and all NAF employee salaries and benefits."

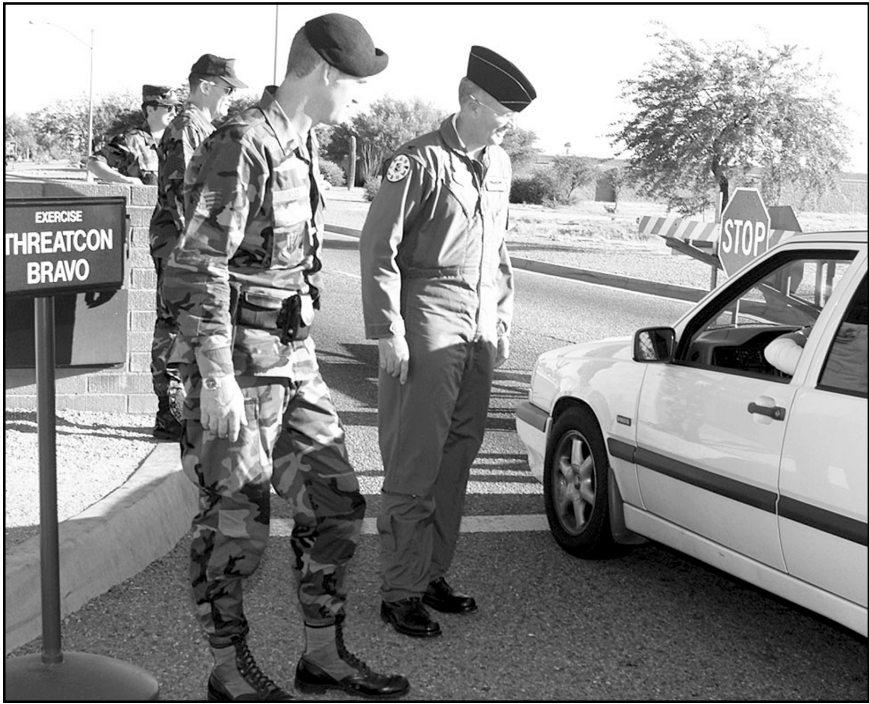
The list of anticipated improvements include:

◆ New lanes for the bowling center will also provide an upgrade to cosmic bowling. In addition to the cosmic glowing on the backdrops, cosmic glowing will be added between the lanes.

See MWR Page 5



# Commander's Corner



Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: [355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil).

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

**Col. Bobby Wilkes**  
355th Wing Commander

## Commander's Salute

This week, I salute **Staff Sgt. Brian Parry**, 355th Operational Support Squadron, for his leadership and personal involvement in the wing's self-help program which saves us resources to better meet the mission. Well done!

<b>AAFES Agencies</b>	<b>748-7887</b>
<b>Accounting and Finance</b>	<b>228-4964</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>8-5411</b>
<b>Civil Engineering</b>	<b>8-3401</b>
<b>Clinic</b>	<b>8-2930</b>
<b>Commissary</b>	<b>8-3116</b>
<b>Family Support</b>	<b>8-5690</b>
<b>Fitness Center</b>	<b>8-3714</b>
<b>Housing Office</b>	<b>8-3687</b>
<b>Inspector General</b>	<b>8-3559</b>
<b>Legal</b>	<b>8-6432</b>
<b>Lodging</b>	<b>8-4845</b>
<b>Military/Civilian</b>	
<b>Equal Opportunity Office</b>	<b>8-5509</b>
<b>Military Personnel</b>	<b>8-5689</b>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>8-3204</b>
<b>Security Forces</b>	<b>8-6178</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>8-5596</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>8-3584</b>

## Commissary abuse

### Comment:

I have a concern that might bear looking into. I was at the Commissary today and three women came through the line with a huge amount of items, many of the same type. When I was checking out, one of the customers said "they are buying a lot of the same stuff." The bagger said they operate an Oriental restaurant off base and they come in here all the time.

It is my understanding that reselling items from the Commissary is illegal. I am retired, and if that has changed then you can disregard this. Otherwise, it might bear looking into. I had bought frozen foods so was not able to look up the manager. If the privilege is abused, we will all lose the privilege.

### Response:

Thank you for taking advantage of the Commander's Corner program and for providing us the opportunity to respond to your question. Regarding your concern about shopping abuse, the Davis-Monthan Commissary did have a large truck load sale. When they have these truckload sales, many patrons buy items by the case for the large savings that comes with buying bulk items.

However, authorized patrons are still prohibited from selling or giving commissary purchases to anyone not entitled to commissary privileges. Personnel are also prohibited from using commissary purchases to support a private business.

These prohibitions don't apply to food served to guests or to limited and reasonable donations to acceptable charitable organizations. Managers do make judgment decisions on when there is a need to notify the host installation police when abuse is suspected. Thank you again for your comments and your interest in the Defense Commissary Agency. For more information call Michael Howell at 8-3244.

# Your Final Answer?

*In 1952, the Air Force integrated computers into use; how have they helped you do your job?*



**Lt. Col. Tony Arnold**  
355th Medical Operations Squadron  
"Computers improve the flow of information by accessibility. But it also takes a lot of time because it's too much information."



**Airman 1st Class Lisa Elliott**,  
355th Services Squadron  
"Computers are the number one tool I use at my second job."



**Tech. Sgt. Kevin Kennedy**,  
354th Fighter Squadron  
"(With computers) we have the ability to effectively disseminate large amounts of information."



**Staff Sgt. Curtis Lewis**  
42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron  
"Computers are definitely a plus for me. They are the way to the future especially with my job."



**Staff Sgt. LaShawn Lolis**  
355th CPTS  
"I think it's positive to have computers. They are more accurate, effective and less time consuming."



**Retired Maj. Ted Roush**, Tucson  
"Computers have made a huge difference. We can move large amounts of information; they are a positive thing."



## Tax Season is the Reason

**Are you ready to file your taxes?** To file, people need their W-2, Wage and Tax Statement. The Defense Accounting and Finance Service mailed W-2s to the service member's address of record Jan. 18. The address of record could be the local finance office or home address. If the W-2 is mailed to the local finance office, it will be forwarded to their unit. If the W-2 is mailed to their home address but they have since moved, it will be forwarded to their new address if provided. If there is no forwarding address, the W-2 will be returned to DFAS.

**What should you do if you don't receive a W-2 or if it needs corrections?** Beginning Feb. 8, the 355th Comptroller Squadron can issue a duplicate or corrected W-2. They are located in the Building 2300; customer service hours are 7:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

## Safety Tips

In recent years it has been noted that there is a potential risk associated with domestic mini-blinds.

Millions of horizontal window blinds have been recalled because the pull cords and inner cords can form a loop that strangles infants.

Fortunately, Davis-Monthan AFB family housing has not installed any of the mini-blinds that have closed loop pull cords.

It is advised that all members, whether living on base or in the local community, check to ensure they are not using mini-blinds that are a potential risk.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said that since 1991, it has received reports of 130 strangulation's involving cords on window blinds.

Of that number, 114 strangulation's involve the outer pull cords, and 16 involve the inner cords that hold the blind slats.

The victims ranged in age from nine to 17 months. All the deaths involved children in cribs placed next to windows.

Window blinds sold since 1995 no longer have pull cords ending in loops. But in a review of window blind deaths begun last year, the CPSC found that children could also become entangled in the inner cords that are used to raise and lower the slats of blinds.

"These entrapments occur when a young child pulls on an inner cord and it forms a loop that the child can hang in," the CPSC said. For more information 1-800-506-4636. (Courtesy housing office)

# 355th Wing Quarterly Award Winners



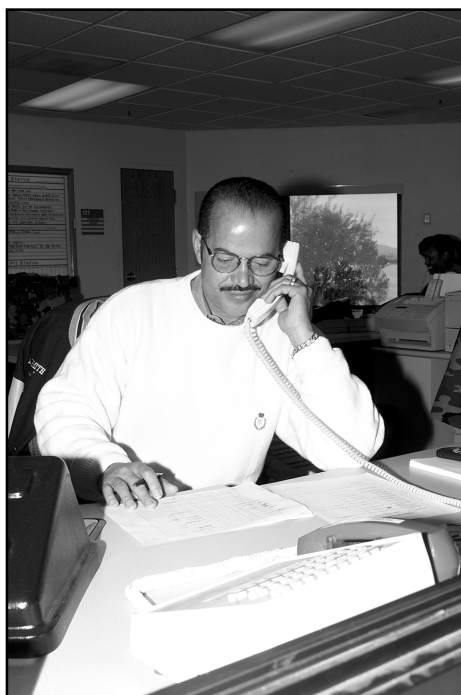
**Senior NCO of the Quarter  
Master Sgt. Christopher  
Sheppard (right)  
12th Air Force**



**Company Grade Officer of the  
Quarter  
(Right) 2nd Lt. Terry Neidecker  
355th Support Group  
and  
(Left) Airman of the Quarter  
Airman 1st Class Brian Noethlich  
355th Support Group**



**Civilian Employee of the Quarter  
Tammy Clifton  
355th Wing Staff**



**Civilian Supervisor of the  
Quarter  
Albert Smith  
355th Operations Group**



**NCO of the Quarter  
Staff Sgt. Lucas Bergert  
355th Logistics Group**

# Blood donation deferral expected to continue

**By Betty Anne Mauger**

*Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs*

"Deferral of blood donations from people who have spent an aggregate of six months in the United Kingdom between 1980 and 1996 may be continued for another six months," according to Lt. Col. Fabrizio Saraceni, chief of the Air Force blood program.

The current deferral was implemented by the Defense Department in December 1999, and has continued based on expert panel recommendations and data review by the Food and Drug Administration.

The deferral was originally implemented as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of the blood supply against the risk of contamination by bovine spongiform encephalopathy, commonly referred to as "mad cow" disease.

BSE is linked to an equally deadly human illness called new variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease or nvCJD. Since nvCJD shares similarities with BSE, it is thought that nvCJD may be contracted by eating beef products from infected cattle.

However, little is known about the transmission of the disease from cattle to humans. Other than the fatal nature of the disease, it is hard to track. There is no known cure, and there is no way of knowing if an individual may be carrying the disease — a conclusive diagnosis is possible only by post-mortem brain biopsy. There is no known blood-screening test.

While mad cow disease has received wide cov-

erage in the media, nvCJD is extremely rare. It has infected a very small number of people from England and other parts of the United Kingdom, and a few cases have been reported from France.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there have been no confirmed cases of nvCJD in the United States, to include the active and retired military population and their family members. The Air Force tracks in-

cidence of nvCJD through the Air Force Mortality Registry and the Reportable Events Surveillance System, and fully cooperates with CDC in tracking the disease.

There is no evidence that travelers to the UK, even those who may have eaten beef while

traveling there, have become infected with nvCJD. Scientists do not believe that nvCJD can be transmitted through casual or even intimate contact with an infected person. To date, there is some evidence in animal models that nvCJD can be transmitted by blood; however, there are no reported cases of nvCJD spread by person-to-person blood transfusions.

Even though there are no known studies that prove BSE or nvCJD may be transmissible through blood products, deferral will be continued as a prudent preventive step.

In the meantime, the Air Force Blood program remains vigilant.

"The Air Force blood supply is safer than ever, thanks to an aggressive screening program that strictly follows FDA recommendations," Fabrizio said.

For more information about the BSE and nvCJD, check the CDC Web site.

## December Bloodhound Award winners: 41st Electronic Combat Squadron.

## Red Cross blood drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Feb. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Center. Call Tech. Sgt. Liz Santamaria at 8-9048 or the Red Cross at 917-2820 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome to come over as time permits. Donors should:

- ◆ Drink plenty of extra caffeine-free fluids 24-hours prior to donating
- ◆ Eat a small meal or light snack (should be low fat) 2-4 hours before donating.

Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down, escort duty, canteen duty and the sign in desk, so if you cannot donate blood, there are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer. The "Bloodhound" Award will be awarded to the squadron who has the most donors and the plaque will be presented at the 355th Wing Staff Meeting.

Our goal for the drive is 150 pints, so we need to get at least 200 people to sign up. There is still a critical shortage of blood and it is a great opportunity to help save a life.

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◆ Two vans will be purchased for Information, Tickets and Tours. "Having vehicles to support this program will be a large benefit," Archuleta said. "Currently, transportation is our limiting factor at the ITT office."

◆ The golf course will realize several updates. A custom golf club-fitting shop will open at the golf course.

Special turf coverings, which can be pulled off the green in the mornings, will be added to two of the greens that are positioned such that they are frosty on cold mornings; this will minimize delays. Several new golf carts will be purchased, and the cart barn is being upgraded.

◆ A set of restrooms will have air conditioning added at the FamCamp.

◆ A cyber café will be added to the community center. Members will be able to get coffee, pastry and check private e-mail accounts. "We are hoping to have a gourmet coffee shop," Archuleta said. "The computers will be commercial, not military." He expects the café to open in the spring.

◆ Plans include to open both a customized and self-help framing shop at the skills development center.



Karen Halstead

*Richard Valenzuela, equipment rental manager, 355th Services Squadron, looks at badly worn boat numbers. Once replaced with new boats, the older equipment will be sold at non-appropriated funds excess sales. The boats currently in stock came from Castle Air Force Base, Calif., and Griffith Air Force Base, New York, when those bases closed more than five years ago.*

◆ The auto hobby shop expects to add a new tow truck capable of towing any full-size privately-owned vehicle.

◆ A rehab project will begin to the former pool area of the Officers' Club. The area will provide an outdoor playground, gazebo, beach volleyball court, outdoor barbeque and bar, pig roaster and party area. Archuleta

anticipates the outdoor events center will eventually provide D-M with an area for take-out barbeque as well as a suitable place for outdoor weddings.

◆ Eventually a nail salon will be added to the Officers' Club.

◆ Upgraded equipment will be added to the NAF laundry. The laundry cleans linens from the clubs.

◆ Outdoor Recreation will get five new Jon boats, four new v-hull boats and several trailers.

◆ Snack bar equipment will be added to the new youth baseball fields.

◆ Other purchases include replacement equipment such as freezers, tables and chairs, computers, canopies and a piano.

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## SECDEF Rumsfeld takes office, second time

"I am grateful to the president for the opportunity to serve again as secretary of defense," Donald Rumsfeld said during remarks following his induction ceremony. "I look forward to working with the dedicated and talented men and women who serve in the armed

forces and in the civilian ranks."

Until being sworn in, Rumsfeld was in private business. He served as non-executive chairman of the board of directors of Gilead Sciences, Inc. and on the board of directors of Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. and Amylin Pharmaceuticals. He was the chairman of the Salomon Smith Barney International Advisory Board and served as an adviser to a number of companies.

Married in 1954, he and his wife, Joyce, have

three children and five grandchildren. His wife was the founding Chairman of the Chicago Foundation for Education.

Rumsfeld was born in Chicago, Ill., in 1932. He attended Princeton University on scholarship, served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1957 as a naval aviator, and was an all-Navy wrestling champion. He was previously the 13th Secretary of Defense — from 1975 to 1977. *(Courtesy Air Force Print news)*

## SECAF Peters bids farewell

*The following remarks were some made by F. Whitten Peters, Secretary of the Air Force, during his farewell address Jan. 19 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.*

"Today marks the end of a most unexpected journey for me. In my wildest imagination, I never dreamed that I would have the honor of serving the men and women who serve America.

"I am deeply humbled to stand before you, one last time, as the leader of the greatest Air Force the world has ever known. It is a privilege to have one last opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women assembled here as well as the 700,000 men and women of America's Air Force that you represent.

"Unlike so many of you, I have not

spent my life in public service. Oh yes, as many of you may know, I answered the call of my draft board, an arcane institution that used to have something to do. And I served three years in uniform as an officer of the Naval Reserve, reaching the rank of lieutenant junior grade before returning to private life.

"But my service pales in comparison to that of the men and women who selflessly rebuilt the military after Vietnam, beat Saddam Hussein, and won the Cold War. And (who) today stand ready to meet any challenges this uncertain world throws (their) way.

"When I was in high school, before many of you in this (hangar) were born, (President John F. Kennedy) challenged our generation to ask what we can do for our coun-

try. That thought, which inspired so many, is why when the call came, in 1995, to return to public service as the principal deputy general counsel of the Department of Defense, I had to answer.

"It may sound corny, indeed it probably is corny, but I felt this move would allow me to repay, in some small measure, the enormous debt that I, and every American, owe to this nation.

"Even then, I had no idea that unlikely events would conspire to place me here. I would soon find myself leading the United States Air Force, first as under secretary and (then) acting secretary, and, for the last 18 months, as secretary.

"Frankly, I'm still surprised, I know my mother is surprised, and I'm quite sure that my old drill instructors at (Naval Officer Training School), if they remember me at all, probably went into cardiac arrest.

"But if this was an unexpected journey, it has also been one that is truly awe-inspiring.

"I had a vague notion of the great things our men and women in the military were accomplishing. As secretary, I found that those vague notions fell far short of the mark. Day in, day out, our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen make the heroic look routine.

"Among the most valuable fringe benefits of my post has been the ability to watch, up close, as these amazing men and women of our total force change the world for the better every single day.

"No institution is better prepared to meet the challenges of the future. No group has a better team of leaders. And no group of people, large or small, is poised to give so much to our great nation. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*

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Tech. Sgt. Lou Briscese

*With his family by his side, George W. Bush is sworn in as the 43rd president of the United States by Supreme Court Chief Justice William Renquist.*

# Air Force participates in inauguration celebration

**By Tech. Sgt. Russell D. Kirk**  
*Air Force Print News*

Misty rain, cold temperatures and low visibility neither dampened the spirits nor slowed the pace of Air Force personnel participating in the Jan. 20 inauguration of the 43rd president and commander in chief, George W. Bush.

Volunteers from throughout the Air Force participated in the weeklong inauguration activities, including the Honor Guard, elements of the Air Force Band, color guard, U.S. Air Force Academy cadets and members of various reserve and National Guard units. The final day of the festivities also included participation in various events, such as the swearing-in ceremony at the U.S. Capitol, the two-hour-long parade and numerous balls in the evening. Though the weather was not ideal, most participants said they were excited to participate in this historical event.

Likewise, Staff Sgt. John M. Brown, a member of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard said, "It's an honor to be a part of history."

"I'm a second-generation airman, following in my father's footsteps," he said proudly. "I'm going to cherish everything today — it's pretty exciting."

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# My heroes have always been airmen

By Col. Daryl Hausmann  
355th Operations Group commander

Where has the time gone? I just got here and now it is time to move on.

As I tell all my commanders; enjoy it while you can because before you know it the tour will be over and it will be time to “shake the stick” and give someone else the opportunity to lead.

And so the time has come for me to relinquish the “Thunder One” callsign - not an easy thing to do.

No, it's not that I think the group can't carry on without me. It is because I will no longer have the honor and privilege of working with the dedicated, professional warriors of the 355th Operations Group, an organization of almost 2,200 airmen with a single focus - getting the mission done.

The mission of flying, fixing, and controlling airplanes and supporting those who do.


Let me tell you a little bit about the Ops Group.

Specifically where we come from, who we are, and what we have done over the last couple of years.

As a result of the objective wing concept, the 355th Operations Group was activated May 1, 1992 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., under the 355th Wing.

Initial squadrons assigned consisted of four A/OA-10A Thunderbolt II, two EC-130H Compass Call, and one Operations Support Squad-

“ Freedom is taken for granted by most Americans. But not by me. I know it is the sacrifices of those that dedicate some portion of their lives to the greater good in the service of their nation.



Col. Daryl Hausmann  
355th Operations Group commander

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ron. In 1993, the 607th Air Control Squadron (at Luke AFB) became part of the OG followed by the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron with EC-130Es in 1994.

In 1996, the 355th Training Squadron became part of the group after an internal reassignment from within OSS.

Today the group is comprised of 9 squadrons, nearly 100 aircraft and an AN/TPS-75 radar. The current units are the 41st and 43rd Electronic Combat Squadrons (Compass Call) tasked with the information warfare mission.

The 42nd ACCS' (ABCCC) mission is to function as an airborne battlefield command control center.

The 354th Fighter Squadron is our operational fighter unit providing close air support and airstrike control.

The 357th and 358th Fighter Squadrons train all active-duty USAF A/OA-10 pilots. The 355th OSS provides facility, airfield, scheduling, and other support needed to keep our jets in the air. The 355th TRS is charged with managing the training of all ABCCC and Compass Call crews and A/OA-10 pilots and the 607th ACS controllers. Geographically separated, the 607th trains all active-duty ground air control radar surveillance technicians and weapons directors. The 355th OG is one of the largest and most diverse in all of ACC.






The warriors of the OG, consistent with the group's proud heritage, have had many accomplishments over the past two years. In early 1999, Block 30 Compass Call aircraft officially became part of the Air Force inventory. Deployments and exercises are a way of life in the OG and 1999 was no exception. The 42nd ACCS continued its deployment to Aviano Air Base, Italy, in direct support of NATO directives in the Balkans, and the day I took command, the 43rd ECS also deployed to Aviano. Later the 354th FS deployed to Southwest Asia in direct support of Operation Southern Watch, flying combat sorties and employing ordnance in anger for the first time since Vietnam in support of the no-fly zone violations in southern Iraq. During the spring of 1999, the OG

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Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Col. Bob Worley, 56th Support Group Commander, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.  
Navy Capt. Joyce King, U.S. Southern Command  
Glenn Perryman, Program Manager, Maritime Surveillance Aircraft Department, Naval Air Station Patuxent River  
Col. John Nelson, Chief, Air Force Family Advocacy, Brooks AFB, Texas  
Retired Lt. Gen. Bruce Fister

February Promotion Line Numbers



Uniform issue -- May I remove my BDU shirt and wear the olive green sweater as an outergarment in my workcenter? ANSWER: No. According to AFI 36-2903, base supplement 1, the olive green sweater “may be worn as an outergarment onyl with BDUs. In no instance will it be worn as an outergarment. Contact your first sergeant or commander for more information or guidance. Wear your uniform with pride! (Courtesy of 355th Mission Support Squadron Personal Affairs Element)

355th Wing Flying Goals									
	Hours	41st	42nd	43rd	Sorties	354th	357th	358th	
	Goal	ECS	ACCS	ECS		FS	FS	FS	
	Flown	291	355	242		545	410	378	
	Delta	211	261	176		418	273	308	
	FY 2001	17	17	15		34	-11	30	
		52	24	93		54	-2	55	
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# Parents with long hours get help from new child-care program

By Steve Jacobs

355th Services Squadron

Military and other Department of Defense families who work long hours can get help from an Extended Duty Care Program that went into effect Jan. 3. The new program makes it possible to increase the standard 50 hours of care (10 hours a day) available at the Child Development Center or in licensed Family Child Care homes.

"What the new Air Force program actually does is make it possible, under some circumstances, for parents to receive more than the

normal amount of child care hours," said Julie Hufana, chief of the 355th Services Squadron's Family Member Programs Flight. "The program is not automatic, and not every parent qualifies. To be eligible, parents need written verification from their supervisor that they're required to work longer-than-usual hours or that temporary shift changes are expected.

"Qualifying parents must then discuss their child care needs with the FCC coordinator, and fill out an Air Force Form 1181 (Youth Flight Program Patron Registration). They should keep a copy of the completed form.

"The next step is for parents to make reservations with the FCC coordinator for specific dates and times that extended care will be needed.

"If short-notice child care is needed during the week or after-hours, parents can work with one of the specially designated FCC providers."

Free transportation to and from the child's regular on-base care program can be arranged by the FCC provider.

Literature explaining the new Extended Duty Care Program is available at FCC, in Bldg. 700, or phone FCC coordinator Linda Ray at 8-2201. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.

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would again be tested in combat as a direct participant in Operation Allied Force. The 41st ECS, 43rd ECS and 42nd ACCS all played active combat roles in helping defend U.S./NATO objectives in the Balkans. All the while, the group continued its safe flying record leading the wing to the 1999 ACC Flight Safety Award.

The year 2000 continued to provide challenges and opportunities for the group.

In the spring, the OG helped the wing earn a "Combat Ready" rating during the ACC Phase 1 Operations Readiness Inspection; earning numerous "outstanding" and "best seen to date" comments from the ACC Inspector General.

Also, with the 355th the lead wing for Aerospace Expeditionary Force 5, the warriors of the OG were ready to deploy at a moment's notice to anywhere in the world, if tasked.

At the same time, the 607th ACS was converted from a combat coded ground to air radar control unit to a formal training unit.

And, Briefing Room Interactive was brought from concept to reality and is now the Air Force's best on-line briefing room initiative.

The success and challenges of the past two years all came in addition to the daily flying mission.

More than 660 students graduated through the TRS into the A/OA-10 and EC-130E/H.

The OG continued its successful support of higher headquarters exercises, such as multiple Red flags, Green flags, Atlantic Joint Task Force exercises, multiple Air warriors, Global Patriot, Weapon School Instructor support, Joint Readiness exercises, Caroline Thunder, Dynamic Mix, Falcon Brave, Hogsmoke, Coronet Saturn,

plus many, many others. All accomplished while executing in fiscal 2000, the largest flying-hour program in ACC by more than 12,000 hours annually. During this period, the group members earned five command level awards and numerous civilian awards.

Just in case the 355th Operations Group Achievements for 1999-2000 become a category on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," let me share some trivia. The warriors of the OG in the past two years:

- ◆ Flew 31,169 sorties and 72,379.2 flying hours. A/OA-10s flew 27,508 sorties and 53,717.3 hours and the EC-130s flew 3,661 sorties and 18,661.9 hours, again the largest flying hour program in the command by more than 12,000 hours annually. If those hours were flown back to back, one hour at a time, someone would be airborne for more than eight years and three months. And by the way, there was a successful landing on every one of those 31,169 sorties (all but one with the gear down) - and believe me that is a good thing!

- ◆ Controlled more than 115,000 total air traffic operations with local flying aircraft making D-M the busiest single runway operation in ACC.

- ◆ Operated the Air Force's only limited radar approach control tower for providing Class C radar services.

- ◆ Handled more than 35,000 flight plans and supported more than 4,700 transient aircraft.

- ◆ Graduated 660 A/OA-10 and EC-130E/H students to include initial, re-qualification, instructor, and senior officer checkouts.

- ◆ The 12th Air Force A-10 Demo Team showed off the "Warthog" at 66 cities/air-shows, and conducted 113 aerial demonstra-

tions for 6,459,500 people, enhancing AF recruiting and retention.

- ◆ The 42nd ACCS ended the Air Force's longest continuous overseas deployment coming home from Aviano, Italy, for the last time in July 1999 - after six years there.

- ◆ Passed the ACC Phase 1 Operation Readiness Inspection with flying colors earning a "Combat Ready."

- ◆ Inspected by ACC's Logistics and Operations Consultant and Assistance Team, Your Health of the Fleet Briefing was singled out to be shown to all logistics commanders as the command standard.

- ◆ Compass Call deployed to Operation Noble Anvil in February 1999 and to Allied Force later on providing on average 22 hours daily coverage and communications jamming for Allied combat operations.

- ◆ 43rd ECS accumulated 242 sorties, 2,033 combat flying hours, maintained 100-percent flying effectiveness rate, and 98.7-percent mission-capable rate during the course of the conflict.

- ◆ 355th OG pilots and ground crews won both 12th AF Gila Bomb competitions. First, by the 354th FS, and then by the 357th FS - 18 different units from all over the command participated.

- ◆ Transitioned the 607th ACS from an operational to a formal training unit.

- ◆ 607th ACS was the ACC lead for delivery, upgrade, and integration of \$49 million Modular Control Element.

- ◆ Made base operations the wing's crown jewel facility completing a \$28,000 self-help project highlighted to COMACC and 12th AF/CC.

- ◆ Finished a significant upgrade to Whiskey Ramp. A

project that had been on the books for more than 10 years. The \$2.2 million project widened the parking area for 2 EC-130 units enhancing safety.

- ◆ Conducted 470 Compass Call simulator missions and 150 part-task trainers.

- ◆ Completed Compass Call simulator and ABCCC faker events for more than 410 students and A-10 unit training device events for 240 students.

- ◆ Dropped and shot a lot of armament since February 1999 for training. Here's a look at what the group has expended:

- ◆ 1.2 million 30 MM target practice and high explosive rounds, 1,011 MK82 LD/HD live 500lb bombs, 32 GBU-12 live 500lb laser guided bombs, 40 MK-84 live 2000lb bombs, 53 CBU-87 live cluster bombs, 20 AGM-65 live Maverick air-to-ground missiles, 1,014 LUU-2 flares, 600 LUU-1 flares, 9,800 target practice, white phosphorus, and high explosive rockets, 137,000 self-protection flares, 35,000 self-protection chaff, 920 BDU-50 500lb inert bombs, and 60,000 BDU-33 25lb practice bombs ... all with no Class A safety incidents.

Freedom is taken for granted by most Americans. But not by me. I know it is the sacrifices of those that dedicate some portion of their lives to the greater good in the service of their nation. Airmen, officers and enlisted, who work tirelessly for the accomplishment of the mission, no matter what the sacrifice. Warriors of the 355th Operations Group: no matter what the task, no matter how difficult the challenge, you with your pride, professionalism, and dedication to the mission have made it happen.

I am proud of you ... I salute you! And I thank you for the opportunity to serve with you!

# Health Focus

**By Maj. Maureen Leighton**  
*355th Medical Group*

## Women's clinic a reality

No one knows your health status better than you do. Are you taking charge of your health? What does that mean? In part, it means focusing on the prevention of disease before it happens. Many diseases have warning signs, called risk factors that can be detected before the disease is obvious.

Risk factors increase the likelihood of contracting certain illnesses or diseases, and some risk factors can be modified while others cannot. Advanced age, gender and a positive family history of cancer are examples of risk factors we have no control over. But others such as diet, smoking, alcohol use and sedentary lifestyle are important risk factors that are under our control. Prevention means taking responsibility for your health and actively addressing the areas you can and need to address.

Look at your lifestyle. Prevention needs to be woven into the fabric of your every day lifestyle. Here are a few thoughts.

Diet is first on the list of important areas for evaluation and change. If you don't currently eat healthy, your focus should be on a diet low in fat and simple sugars and high in fiber. If you need help, please ask us. The HAWC (Health and Wellness Center) and the Patient Education Center

(next to the Medical Group Library) have a lot of useful information on the role of diet in achieving a healthy lifestyle.

If you use tobacco products, you need to consider that a top priority for preventing disease. There are many programs in the Medical Group that will assist you if you are interested in quitting the tobacco habit. Please ask us.

We all know exercise is an important ingredient of a healthy lifestyle. How much exercise do you need to maintain health? Is your objective weight loss? Walking is a great form of exercise. As much as half an hour of brisk walking can improve your cardiovascular health but you will need to walk longer if you need to lose some weight.

The sun, as bright as it is, is not your friend. In southern Arizona, we are known as the number two area in the world for skin cancer. Make sure you use a sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or above when you are outside and cannot avoid sun exposure. Perform regular personal skin exams and ask your health care provider for periodic examinations.

Practice self-breast examinations monthly and obtain periodic professional examinations. These can literally save your life. We are happy

to teach you and provide literature about the many aspects of breast care.

Take the medications as they have been ordered. If you do not understand your medications, ask a health care provider or a pharmacist for information. If you have side effects from your medications, please ask for advice so we can help.

Don't diagnose your medical conditions based on reported symptoms of other people. Don't take other medications prescribed for others. If you have medical concerns, write down the important points and make an appointment with your health care provider.

Don't be a risk taker. Always wear a seat belt, check your smoke detectors at home and wear protective gear when participating in sports.

Follow the preventive health care schedule that has been recommended for you. Get your blood pressure checks, immunizations, pap smears, mammograms and other appropriate screening tests at the proper time. We can tell you when these services are needed, and we will help you in any way we can.

We want to be a fully partner with you to prevent disease from robbing you of your health. Take charge of

your life and make a step today to a healthier, more active and disease free tomorrow. Contact women's health or your primary care team for assistance.

In women's health we are excited about our redesigned Women's Health Clinic. All beneficiaries are eligible to receive care in our clinic regardless of the panel to which they are assigned. These services are intended to compliment and offer alternatives to the services in the panels.

There's an open house Feb. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. You can view our facility, visit with the staff and familiarize yourself with the services we have to offer. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you.

The dedicated staff of our clinic: Maj. Maureen Leighton, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner-C; Capt. Dawn Black, WHNP-C; Joyce Sundsvold, WHNP-C; Ruth Likout, Nurse Manager; Senior Airman Trina Myers; Airman Andrea Carter; and Eva Gamboa

We provide the following services: Annual Cervical Cancer Screening, Alposcopy and Cryosurgery, Breast Exams, Contraception (Oral Contraceptives, Depo Provera, IUD's, Diaphragms, and Condoms/Spermicides); Menopausal Symptoms (Hormone Replacement Therapy); Chronic and Acute GYN problems; Initial Infertility Testing and Referral; and Specialty Referrals.

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# Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base team. Members are nominated by their commander or first sergeant, and the article is compiled by the Desert Airman staff.)*

**Name:** Elizabeth Rivera  
**Organization:** 305th Rescue Squadron  
**Duty title:** Orders Clerk  
**Hometown:** I'm a military brat, so home is where I sit. I have some history that connects me to Jennings, La., so that probably the closest place to a hometown I have  
**Years of service:** Eight  
**Why did you join Civil Service:** I wanted to work with special needs children in the Department of Defense Dependent School System and was offered an opportunity to do so in Germany  
**Main responsibilities:** Prepare, certify and distribute travel orders for people in the 305th Rescue Squadron  
**Best aspects of your job:** Being able to contribute to the 305th RQS mission  
**Career goals:** Complete a masters degree and teach again in some way  
**Hobbies/outside activities:** Reading, exercising and hiking in the mountains and canyons  
**What do you like best about D-M:** The friendly community, cool winters, mountain views and the monsoons  
**What has been your best assignment; why:** Soesterberg Air Base, Holland; I spent several years there, and met and married my husband. The Dutch are very tolerable people and wonderful hosts. Their acceptance of foreigners left a positive impression on me. They are proud of their country, very willing to show it off and treat all guests as if they were their own guests.  
**Who inspires you/who do you admire; why:** My grandparents; I have always been inspired by their 58 love-filled years of marriage. They showed, by example, what love and respect is all about.

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# AGE troops keep 'em humming

Maintainers handle equipment that supports crew chiefs, fuels, supply

By Karen Halstead  
Staff writer

How many times have you asked someone where they worked and they replied, "AGE." You politely respond with, "That's nice," or "Oh."

It isn't how old someone is; it's the Aerospace Ground Equipment flight. Most all Air Force bases have an AGE shop, or at a minimum, a few technicians attached to another squadron. For the most part, AGE belongs to Equipment Maintenance Squadrons.

"Some people think the only thing we do is transport equipment to the aircraft," Tech. Sgt. Brett Francis, assistant leader, 358th Fighter Squadron combat AGE team. But the 85 members assigned to the 355th EMS AGE flight not only transport equipment they also maintain the more than 697 pieces of equipment they transport.

"We supply the equipment needed to maintain the aircraft on the flight line," Francis said. "Looking at the flight line, if it's anything other than the airplanes and vehicles, we take care of it."

The AGE team repairs diesel and turbine generators, air conditioning units, heaters, portable lights, hydraulic test stands, compressors, jacks and tow bars. But it doesn't stop there. Other pieces of equipment use solid state circuitry and they can make repairs to this equipment as well. "We have one technician certified to make these types of repairs," he said. "But others are training."

If you've ever been at a function and the air conditioning went out in the facility, if the mission required it, the cooled air may have been supplied by AGE.

"A few years ago the AC went out in the computer shop," Francis said. "They had to have cool air and our shop was requested to provide them with refrigerated air. One of our units can crank out about 100 tons of conditioned air an hour."

The primary job for the unit used to cool the computer shop is to cool the back-end of an EC-130H, he

said.

AGE provides support to six squadrons on a normal basis, but occasionally assists the 305th Rescue Squadron, U.S. Customs, Border Patrol, the 162nd Fighter Wing (ANG) at Tucson International Airport, and the Snowbird Operations ramp here.

Twice a year, AGE technicians conduct periodic preventative inspections. In addition to the periodic inspections, they make daily repairs to disabled equipment. Each member is trained on every piece of equipment, according to Francis.

The AGE motto is "No airpower without ground power," Francis said. "We maintain equipment with circuit cards. The voltages in the equipment we trouble shoot ranges between 115 to 400 volts all at 400 hertz."

The ammunition lifts they repair aren't lightweight, unless you think equipment lifting 3,000 to 7,000 pounds is.

The equipment the AGE maintains supports the efforts of crew chiefs, fuels and supply. "We all work together to complete the mission. We are each a vital part of the mission," he said. "If it breaks we provide the necessary support to repair the equipment. We can't complete the mission (alone)

unless we all work together."

It isn't a boring career field. If you want to see the world, this is the career field to have. "This career field lets you go anywhere in the world," Francis said. "From a transient base like the Azores, this career field is not aircraft specific. We are 'jacks of all trades,' but not a master of one."

AGE technicians are Department of Defense-certified to handle refrigeration coolants. "This is a highly sought after certification in the civilian world," he said. "We have converted all our (refrigeration) units to handle the safe R134 coolant."

The AGE career field also teaches responsible handling of waste materials.

"We are one of the largest handlers of hazardous materials in EMS," he said. "We recycle every spent part, the metal, fluids and packaging."

"We have a nice process and everyone knows what to do," Francis said. "We have a great place and everything is in its place. A part of our training is environmental control and, to date, we haven't received a notice of violation."

Younger AGE troops don't realize the big picture of their interface with other career fields until they



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Senior Airman Brian Sanders repairs an air conditioning unit motor. Sanders is an AGE technician for the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.



Tech. Sgt. Brett Francis (right) observes Senior Airman Scott Thibodeau as he works on a piece of aerospace ground equipment. Francis is the 42nd Combat AGE Team leader. Thibodeau is an AGE technician for the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

go on temporary duty assignments. "We have a lot of young troops who come back from a TDY and say, 'Wow, I didn't realize crew chiefs or supply had anything to do with our job,'" Francis said.

"Some technicians do find a niche, but they are still required to work on all equipment assigned to their aircraft type."

D-M's AGE team works just about everywhere there are aircraft at D-M. "We also enjoy a good working relationship with the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center," he said.

"They might need help with a piece of equipment or we could need a special piece for an aircraft that lands here and has a problem. We are fortunate to have them. Occasionally we volunteer our off-duty time to repair equipment for the Pima Air and Space Museum."

"The breadth of experience in this career field is wonderful. No other career field can offer what AGE can offer. It's truly unlike any other career field where they are so specialized."



# Tax tips

*(Editor's note: As tax time nears, the Desert Airman will publish several articles to help people with tax-related questions during the coming weeks. The articles are provided as a public service by ARA Content.com and printed with the permission of the publisher. The last article in this series will be published April 13.)*

## IRS tax assistance is just a fax, phone call, mouse click away

It's easy to get tax help and information from the Internal Revenue Service. Computer, fax, mail, telephone, and local IRS walk-in office services are available all year long. Here are some numbers for free IRS assistance and materials. "800" and "877" numbers are toll-free.

- ◆ 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-Tax-Form): Free forms and publications. Publication 910, Guide to Free Tax Services, includes a list of 100 IRS publications, with a description of each. Some of the IRS publications are available in Spanish.
- ◆ 1-877-233-6767 or [www.irs.gov/cdorders](http://www.irs.gov/cdorders): CD-ROM. Current and prior year IRS forms and publications from the National Technical Information

- Service.
- ◆ 1-800-829-4477: TeleTax. Recorded tax messages of 140 tax topics and automated refund information, also in Spanish.
  - ◆ 1-800-829-4059: Hearing-impaired tax assistance using TTY/TDD equipment.
  - ◆ 1-800-829-1040: Tax assistance.
  - ◆ 1-877-777-4778: Taxpayer Advocate Service. Get personal assistance with an unresolved tax problem.
  - ◆ [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov): IRS Internet Web site.
  - ◆ 1-703-368-9694: TaxFax. Forms and instructions from a fax machine. International TaxFax numbers from a fax machine = San Juan (787)759-4524, Tokyo [81](3)3224-5465

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# Korean War remembered



*(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (through the next two years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman*

*is running significant events.) This week in 1951, the following significant Air Force events occurred:*

**Jan. 26:** Far East Air Forces flew its first C-47 "control aircraft", loaded with enough communications equipment to connect by radio all T-6 Mosquitoes, tactical air control parties, and the Tactical Air Control Center.

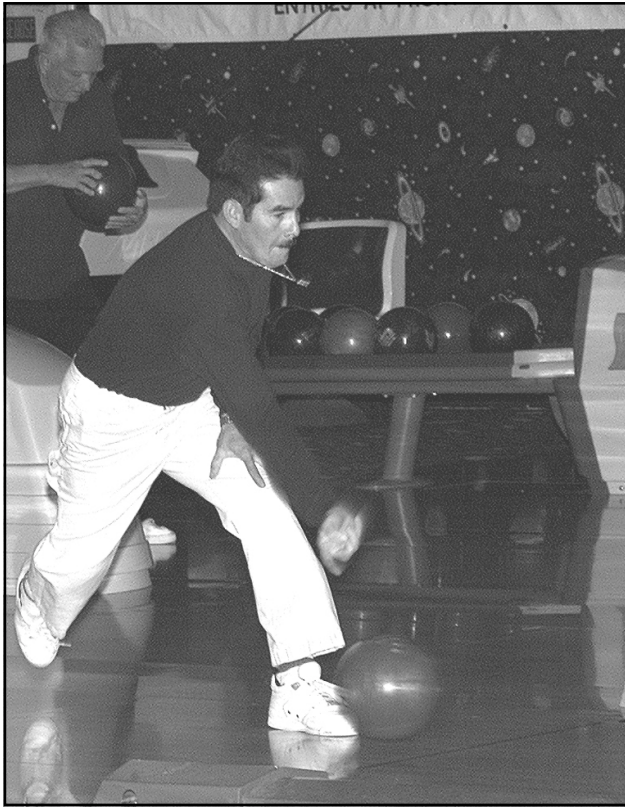
This was the harbinger of today's warning and control aircraft.

**Jan. 30:** The first U.S. Air Force aircraft to land at the recaptured Suwon Airfield were C-54s of the 61st Tactical Control Group, delivering 270 tons of supplies for the advancing United Nations forces.

**Jan. 31:** In the first such mission recorded during the Korean War, a special operations unit of the 21st Tactical Control Squadron dropped an United Nations agent behind enemy lines near Yonan, on the west coast just south of the 38th parallel.

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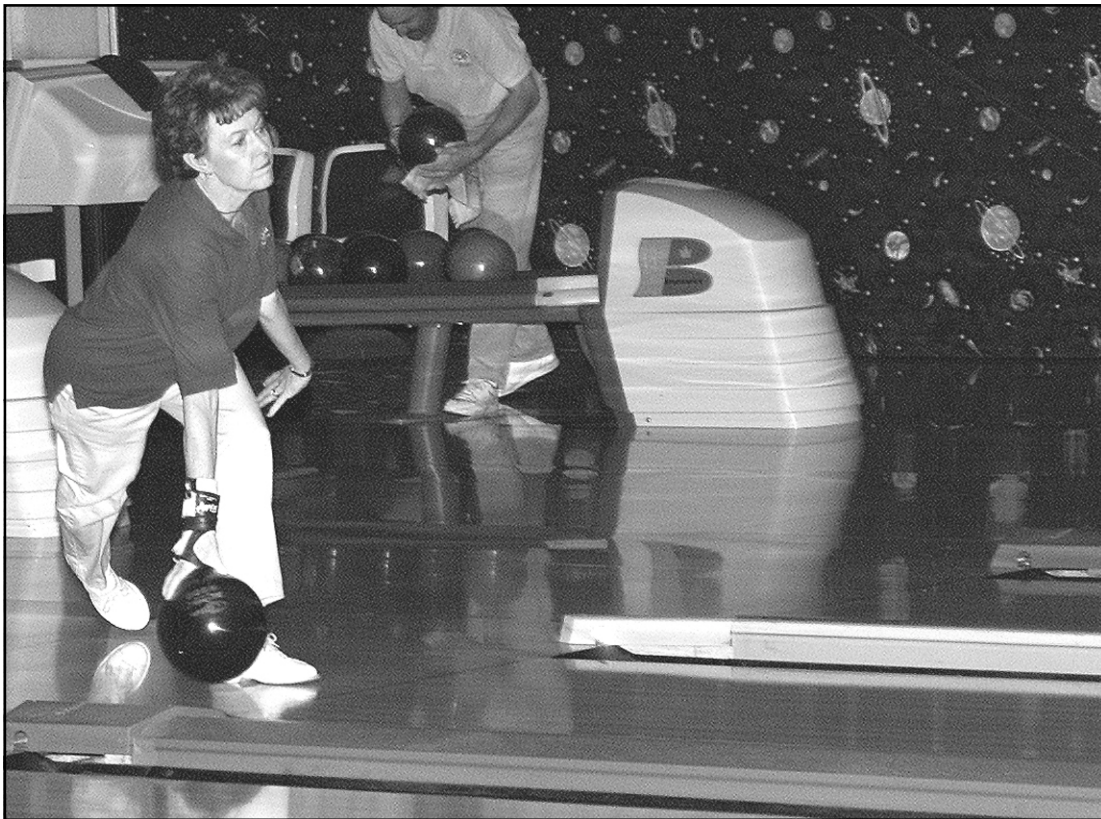




## Action at the lanes

*Competition at D-M Lanes has been heating up the cool Arizona days and evenings recently. Leagues are bowling virtually every day with competitors from the very young to the young-at-heart taking their best shot at a perfect game of 300. A new Wednesday Ball, Bag and Shoes League is starting soon. At the completion of the 20-week season, each bowler will receive a new ball, bag and pair of shoes. More information on the league is available by calling D-M Lanes at 8-3461.*

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# Sports Shorts

## Varsity volleyball

Tryouts for the men's varsity volleyball team are from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center. Any military (or family member) male, 18 and older, may tryout. Call the Fitness Center at 8-3714, or e-mail Brian Quinn at [brian.quinn@dm.af.mil](mailto:brian.quinn@dm.af.mil) for more information.

## Youth basketball

Youth basketball home games are Saturdays, at the youth center gym. Several away games and out-of-towners are scheduled for 13-15 year-olds. Spectators are welcome; come cheer on your favorite team! Get more details from youth sports director Kathy Sands, 8-8373.

## Aerobics instructors needed

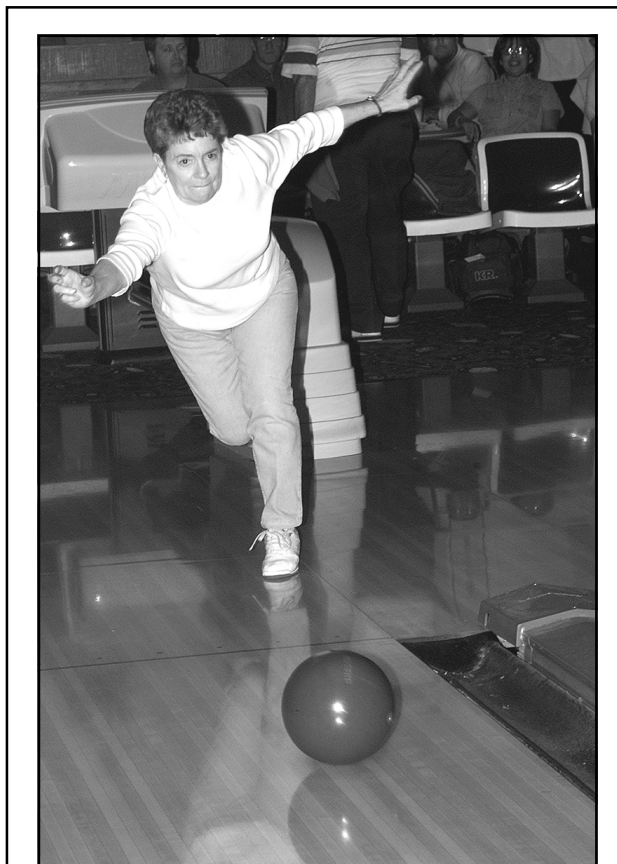
Certified aerobics instructors are needed for classes at the fitness center. Openings are for both volunteer and paid instructors. Especially needed are instructors for early-morning classes. Call Jay Junsay at 8-3714.

## New bowling league

A Wednesday league at the D-M Lanes offers bowlers a new ball, bag and pair of shoes at the end of 20 weeks. The Ball, Bag and Shoes League meets at 6 p.m. Bowlers pay \$10 weekly. No additional payment is required for the new bowling ball, bag and pair of shoes. Register now at the D-M Lanes, or call 8-3461.

## Volunteer call

The 2nd Annual 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo Mountain Bike Team Relay is Feb. 16 to 18, and volunteers are needed to help in all aspects of the event. All volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt and a free meal to a



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## Striking form

*One of D-M Lane's avid bowlers sends one pin-bound during league action. Several leagues go head-to-head every week, encompassing groups from all ages. Call D-M Lanes at 8-3461 for more information on leagues and their open bowling schedule.*

local restaurant. Call Jamie Mageau at 8-1090 or the event coordinators at 579-8773 for more

information or to volunteer.

## Varsity women's volleyball

Any women interested in trying out for the base's varsity volleyball team are encouraged to attend tryouts, going on Sundays from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center, until Feb. 5. Call Chris Rodriguez at 8-3224 for more information.

## Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week (instructor name in parentheses). Call 8-3714 for more information.

**Monday** - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

**Tuesday** - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

**Wednesday** - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick boxing (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Basheera)

**Thursday** - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

**Friday** - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

**Saturday** - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinning (Corinne)

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# Scoreboard

## Bowling

### Intramural - American

(Week 14)

Team	W-L
MDG #2	70-34
42 ACCS #2	68-36
41 ECS #2	58-46
CONS	58-46
42 ACCS #1	56-48
41 ECS #1	54-50
MDG #1	54-50
355 OSS	42-62
43 ECS	24-80
High Scratch Game (Team): 41	
ECS #1, 904	
High Scratch Series (Team): 41	
ECS #1, 2518	
High Scratch Game (Men): Carl	
Miller, 264	
High Scratch Series (Men): Carl	
Miller, 615	
High Scratch Game (Women):	
Sondra Calley, 222	
High Scratch Series (Women):	
Sondra Calley, 651	

### Intramural - National

(Week 14)

Team	W-L
SVS	65-39
12 AF #1	65-39
AMMO	64-40
AMARC	62-42
12 AF #3	54-50
MSS	52-52
TRANS	52-52
CRS	46-58
SUPS	44-60
25 OWS #1	44-60

COMM	40-64
358th	36-68
High Scratch Game (Team): SVS,	
996	
High Scratch Series (Team): SVS,	
2844	
High Scratch Game (Men): George	
Sansone, 269	
High Scratch Series (Men): George	
Sansone, 671	
High Scratch Game (Women):	
Samantha Carlson, 184	
High Scratch Series (Women):	
Pam Boggs, 472	

### Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 14)

Team	W-L
Hit & Miss	68-44
OUI 3	63-49
The Monarchs	60-52
Ally Kats	58-54
Wee Bee Bad	55-57
Hot Cats	51-61
Dream Catchers	51-61
Soon's Runway	42-70
High Scratch Game (Team): Hit &	
Miss, 515	
High Scratch Series (Team): Hit &	
Miss, 1435	
High Scratch Game: Arlene Cook,	
187	
High Scratch Series: Arlene Cook,	
495	

### Phantom Mixed

(Week 12)

Team	W-L
Strike Force	62-34
So So's	60-36
The Cajuns	58-38

Lucky Seven	57-39
Strikebusters	56-40
The Dizzy Four	54-42
Alley Oops	50-46
Six Pack	45-51
Avengers	38-58
Sweet Revenge	36-60
Rat Pack	34-62

### OWC

(Week 12)

Team	W-L
Lady Flyers	74-22
Coyotes	62-34
The Eastsiders	54-42
Splitsters	52-44
KIDDS	46-50
Snuffers	46-50
Alley Cats	42-54
High Scratch Game: Marlene Flyer,	
179	
High Scratch Series: Marlene	
Flyer, 472	

### D-M Pinrollers

(Week 12)

Team	W-L
Uh Huh Girls	68-28
Dreamers	59-37
Team 5	56-40
Team 6	53-43
The Dream Catchers	48-48
Annie's Girls	45-51
L-A-D-Y	44-52
Kachina Dolls	37-59
High Scratch Game (Team): Team	
6, 691	
High Scratch Series (Team): Team	
6, 1911	
High Scratch Game: Fran Baird,	
221	

High Scratch Series: Fran Baird, 583

### CE Mixed

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
Just-4-Fun	52-20
Good, Bad & Ugly	52-28
The Cans	50-30
Fire Dawgs	50-30
BJ's Bunns	42-38
MILFs	38-26
Brew Crew	36-44
Old Timers	22-50
Now N Then	22-50
HVAC	20-20
High Scratch Game (Men): Brad	
Carroll, 207	
High Scratch Series (Men): Dave	
Kozma, 582	
High Scratch Game: Gail Johnson,	
179	
High Scratch Series: Gail Johnson,	
497	

### Thursday Night

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
The Prickly Pears	66-38
Mission Impossible	66-38
Four Seas	64-40
Pick One	64-60
Lickity Splits	60-44
PBJs	60-44
Desert Strikers	60-44
Road Runners	52-52
Ice Breakers	48-56
BM's	46-58
Cool Cs	44-60
Nice N Spicy	40-64
Pintendos	38-66
Bucks N Does	20-84
High Scratch Game (Team): Four	
Seas, 758	

High Scratch Series (Team): Four Seas, 2147  
High Scratch Game (Men): Les Claassen, 232  
High Scratch Series (Men): John Cook, 608  
High Scratch Game (Women): Arlene Cook, 192  
High Scratch Series (Women): Arlene Cook, 552

### Friday Nite Fun

(Week 13)

Team	W-L
Wannabees	66-30
3 Roses & A Thorn	58-38
Double Trouble	55-41
More BS	53-43
O Spare Us	50-46
Just Us	50-46
AAFES	46-50
Kum Cantasi	45-51
The Misfits	44-52
Gutter Dusters	43-53
Just Havin Fun	42-46
High Scratch Game (Team): Double	
Trouble, 830	
High Scratch Series (Team): More	
BS, 2197	
High Scratch Game (Men): Ken	
Bettis, 255	
High Scratch Series (Men): Tom	
Lorentz, 666	
High Scratch Game (Women):	
Reda Lowe, 246	
High Scratch Series (Women):	
Chris Spieker, 718	

### Bantams

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
The Dragons	65-23
N Sync	61-27
Tigers	50-38
High Handicap Game (Team):	

Tigers, 757  
High Scratch Series (Team): N Sync, 664  
High Handicap Game (Boys): Cody Sechler, 200  
High Scratch Series (Boys): Jonathon Willis, 250  
High Scratch Game (Girls): Alicia Jones, 65  
High Scratch Series (Girls): Sabrina Wayman, 254

### Preps/Juniors/Majors

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
The Xtremes	62-26
Fox Hound	58-30
Alley Cats	52-36
Jaguars	51-37
Undertakers	47-41
Unlimited	43-45
Strikers	42-46
N Sync Fireballs	40-48
Desert Pros	40-48
Desert Strikers	38-50
The Bulldogs	34-54
Vacant	17-71
High Scratch Game (Team):	
Undertakers, 479	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
Vacant, 1467	
High Scratch Game (Boys): Jacob	
Dougan, 124 (Preps); Allen	
Ekstrom, 114 (Juniors); Jason	
Wakefield, 157 (Majors)	
High Scratch Series (Boys): Tyler	
Johnson, 413 (Preps); Joshua	
Dougan, 379 (Juniors); Mike	
CuvIELlo, 467 (Majors)	
High Scratch Game (Girls): Sasha	
Willis, 98 (Preps); Kristin	
Wakefield, 112 (Juniors)	
High Scratch Series (Girls): Rachel	
Ross, 336 (Preps); Kendra Shorter,	
347 (Juniors)	

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## Chapel events

### National Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the base chapel or from the First Sergeants Group. Call 8-5411 for more information.



## On-base clubs

### Officers' Club

**Today:** Patio Steak Night is from 5 to 8 p.m. \$100 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

**Saturday:** Barber shop is open by appointment.

**Sunday:** Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Monday:** Club closes at 2 p.m. Barber shop is open until 5 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Prime rib for two is \$19.95.

**Wednesday:** Social hour with free tacos is from 5 to 6 p.m.

**Thursday:** Italian buffet is \$9.95 for adults.

### Desert Oasis Club

**Today:** \$5.35 catfish buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$100 Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

**Saturday:** Barber shop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sunday:** Super Bowl party is scheduled with \$4.95 buffet at halftime.

**Monday:** Sports Bar opens at 4 p.m.

**Tuesday:** BBQ buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bingo games are at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Fried chicken lunch buffet is scheduled.

**Thursday:** Country-style dinner is from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

### New soup and salad buffet

A new soup and salad buffet starts February at the Officers' club. The Wednesday buffet lunch includes four soups, potato bar, burritos, pasta, cole slaw and three-bean salad. Tossed greens come with 10 toppings. Included are rolls, beverage and dessert. Members and bona fide guests pay \$5.35. Find out more by calling the club at 748-0660.

### Golf course dining

Plan to be at the Blanchard Course's Eagle's Nest Restaurant from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 4 for La Steak Night. Diners can choose from T-bone, ribeye or filet mignon steaks, a boneless chicken breast or deluxe Caesar salad. Diners include a baked potato, bread, ranch beans and coffee or tea. A salad is added for steak or chicken orders. A junior menu offers grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers, all served with fries and a beverage. Call the Eagle's Nest at 8-7066 for information or reservations.



## Youth programs

**Today:** Preteen dance is at the Community Center. Call 8-8844.

**Saturday:** Teen hike is today. Call 8-8465. Youth basketball is at the Youth Center. Little League sign up is today. Call 8-8373.

**Monday:** Teen Flagstaff Snowfest is Feb. 22 through 24. Call 8-8465.

**Wednesday:** Primary movies and popcorn is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. Teen Pool Tourney is from 7 to 8 p.m.; call 8-8465.

**Thursday:** Little League signup is Feb. 15. Call 8-8373.

## Enrichment openings

There are currently several vacancies for 4-year-olds in the child development center's Enrichment Program. Sessions, at the Youth Center, are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. Child care program costs are based on total family income. Sign up at the CDC or contact 8-3336.



## Community events

**Today:** Call 8-3336 for hourly child care.

**Saturday:** Call Information Tickets and Tours at 8-3700 for Biosphere tour.

**Monday:** Aerobics instructors needed. Call 8-3714.

**Tuesday:** Seniors bowl at 1 p.m. Call 8-3461.

**Wednesday:** Chair massages are at the Community Center. Call 8-3717.

**Thursday:** See Fort Bowie with Outdoor Recreation Feb. 10. Call 8-3736.

## Explore Fort Bowie

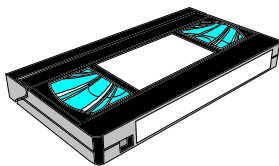
Explore historic Fort Bowie Feb. 10 with the Outdoor Recreation Center. The remote army post, 100 miles east of Tucson, operated from 1862 to 1894, and for many years was the largest military installation in the territory. There's no road to the site. Visitors must walk in along a 1.5-mile trail. On the return trip is a stop for refreshments at Stout's Cider Mill, in Willcox. Cost for transportation is \$15. Call 8-3736 for more information.

## 2001 calendars available

Pick up a 2001 Services calendar at any 355th Services Squadron facility. Calendars contain a listing of major upcoming Services activities, month-by-month, for the entire year. Call 8-5950 for more information.

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# Desert Lightning channel programs



Programs	Start/End	Start/End	Start/End	Start/End
Air Force TV News	7-7:30 a.m.	10-10:30 a.m.	1-1:30 p.m.	4-4:30 p.m.
Base Announcements (Slides)	7:30-7:40	10:30-10:40	1:30-1:40	4:30-4:40
Army News Watch	7:40-8:10	10:40-11:10	1:40-2:10	4:40-5:10
Base Announcements (Slides)	8:10-8:20	11:10-11:20	2:10-2:20	5:10-5:20
Welcome to the Air Force Acade	8:20-8:25	11:20-11:25	2:20-2:25	5:20-5:25
AF Commercial	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec
AFROTC: Living With Choices	8:25-8:35	11:25-11:35	2:25-2:35	5:25-5:35
AF Commercial	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec
Air Force History	8:35-8:45	11:35-11:45	2:35-2:45	5:35-5:45
AF Commercial	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec
After the War	8:45-9:00	11:45-Noon	2:45-3	5:45-6
AF Commercial	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec
EAF, America's 21st Century AF	9-9:15	Noon-12:15	3-3:15	6-6:15
AF Commercial	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec
America's Space Power	9:15-9:35	12:15-12:35	3:15-3:35	6:15-6:35
AF Commercial	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec
Air Force in Bosnia	9:35-9:40	12:35-12:40	3:35-3:40	6:35-6:40
AF Commercial	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec	30 sec
Code of Conduct	9:40-10:00	12:40-1:00	3:40-4:00	6:40-7:00

The Desert Lightning Commander's Access Channel, (Cox Cable channel 75), is broadcasting rotational programming every three hours. The times listed above are approximate.

Call the 355th Wing  
Public Affairs office at  
8-2187 for more  
information or to  
submit your agency's  
information.



## Other agencies

### Tax preparation available

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Office will begin appointments Jan. 30 through April 16. The VITA office is located in Building 4310 across the street from the 355th Security Forces building. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by calling 8-3489. If there is no answer, leave a message and someone will return your call. The Legal Office neither prepare taxes nor make appointments for tax preparation.

### Red Cross blood drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Community Center. Appointments can be made by calling Tech. Sgt. Liz Santamaria at 8-9048 or the Red Cross at 917-2820. Walk-ins are welcome to come over as time permits. Donors should drink plenty of caffeine-free fluids 24-hours prior to donating and also eat a small meal or light snack (should be low fat) two to four hours before donating. Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down, escort duty, canteen duty, and the sign in desk. The Bloodhound Award will be awarded to the squadron who has the most donors and the plaque will be presented at the 355th Wing Staff Meeting. The winner of the last Bloodhound Award was the 41st Electronic

Combat Squadron. The goal for the drive is 150 pints, so at least 200 people are needed to sign up. There is still a critical shortage of blood and it is a great opportunity to help save a life.

### Web master needed

The Community Programs Office is looking for a motivated individual to become apart of its team as a Web master. Call the CPO at 8-6040 for more information.

### Reserve slots available

Pilot, navigator and flight engineer traditional reserve positions are available in the flight test squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, for C-130 qualified individuals. Interested parties should contact Senior Master Sgt. Steve Moore at DSN 777-2138.

### Financial future seminar

A seminar called "Making the Most of Your Financial Future" is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 2 in Building 3200, Room 226. The seminar will have an emphasis on mutual funds and Individual Retirement Accounts. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

### TRICARE Prime update

A TRICARE Prime update for enrollees and TRICARE Standard beneficiaries will be at the medical group conference room, Building 410, Tuesday at 10 a.m. Topics include: reenrollment, split enrollment, out-of-the-area and emergency care, and other changes to the TRICARE program. Call 512-1420 for more information.

## Movie theater

**Today:** Bounce, (PG-13), 7 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Dungeons and Dragons, (PG-13), 7 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Proof of Life, (R), 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 2:** Vertical Limit, (PG-13), 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 3:** Vertical Limit, (PG-13), 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 4:** Almost Famous, (R), 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 9:** Dude, Where's My Car, (PG-13), 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 10:** Family Man, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

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